

8. (twice amended) An electric motor, comprising:

a stator frame comprising a substantially cylindrical shaped body section having opposed first and second ends, and a cooling passageway extending through at least a portion of said body section, said frame further comprising an inlet port and an outlet port in flow communication with said cooling passageway, said cooling passageway comprising a cooling conduit;

a first end shield secured to said first stator frame end;

a second end shield secured to said second stator frame end; and

at least one spacer bar mechanically coupled to said cooling conduit, said spacer bar comprising a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from said notched side, said at least one finger crimpable around said cooling conduit such that upon crimping said at least one finger extends circumferentially around said cooling substantially surrounding said cooling conduit and mechanically coupling said spacer bar to said cooling conduit.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed January 16, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Applicants and the undersigned wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesies he extended during a telephone interview that occurred on March 12, 2003. During the interview, the Office Action dated January 16, 2003 was discussed. More specifically, Claims 1 and 8 and the recitation "substantially surrounding said cooling conduit ..." were discussed along with the cited references, namely Crowell et al. (US 5,859,482). During the interview, Applicants and the Examiner agreed that Crowell et al. neither described nor suggested the claimed invention. Accordingly, the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. Submitted herewith is a Submission of Marked Up Claims.